

**City of Medical Lake**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
S. 124 Lefevre Street, 6:30 PM  
February 3, 2009

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Council present:** Shirley Maike            John Paikuli            Jeff King  
                                 Howard Jorgenson    A. J. Burton            Art Kulibert  
                                 Brenda Redell

**Council Absent:**        None.

**Staff present:**            Doug Ross            Pam McBroom            Bryan Musser  
                                 Ellen Fender            Joe Kokinda

**Others present:**        Cheney Free Press Reporter Cara Lorella, Spokesman Review Reporter Lisa  
                                 Leinberger, Pam Veltri and 2 visitors.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

None.

**MINUTES:**

January 20, 2009 Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilmember Maike; second by Redell to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2009 Regular Council Meeting. Council polled; all ayes.

**INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:**

None.

**MAYORS REPORT**

**PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITION:**

Mayor Higgins announced that Fran Litzinger, CTR Representative for Medical Lake received a Certificate of Appreciation plaque for ten years of service as the Employee Transportation Coordinator for the Commute Trip Reduction Program. It was also noted that today is Ms. Litzinger's fifteen year anniversary as an employee for the City

**APPOINTMENTS:**

None.

**MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION:**

Pam Veltri, Superintendent of School District 360: Levy Issue Information

Ms. Veltri updated council on the roof issue pertaining to Medical Lake High School. She stated that the school will be closed until next Monday to allow the structural engineers to repair a loose roof support beam that was in danger of collapsing.

Superintendent Veltri also gave council information on the Maintenance and Operation Levy that will be on the ballot on March 10, 2009. This levy renews an expiring three-year levy that was approved in 2006, it is not a new tax. The rate will remain at or below the rate that was advertised for the past eight levies which is \$1.75 per thousand of assessed value. If the levy is approved by the voters the school district will then be eligible to receive additional state levy equalization matching funds. She expressed the importance of this levy and asked for council support. After discussion, Councilmember Jorgenson made a motion supporting the School District M & O Replacement Levy. Motion seconded by Councilmember King. Council polled; all ayes.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Administrator Ross gave a report on WFP closure and WFP Trail. The trail has been cleared and reopened but the park itself is still closed. It was noted that a tree fell across the beach bath house and is being cleaned up. There are other trees in the park that may need removed, DNR are helping determine what needs done.

Councilmember Jorgenson asked Ross to comment on the letter received from City of Spokane Mayor Verner. It pertains to an annexation in the urban area of the West Plains. Jorgenson is concerned about what effect this will have on the water supply. Administrator Ross is checking into this.

Councilmember Jorgenson also stated that an article from the Wall Street Journal about Pinelodge Correctional Facility closure will be in council packets next meeting. It is an informational item.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Councilmember Redell gave a report on the last committee meeting. No agenda items. Administrator Ross stated that the new Recreation Coordinator, Ashlee King is doing a great job so far.

**FINANCE:**

2008 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Report – Information only

Councilmember Maike gave a report on the committee meeting. Ending fund balances for 2008 are better than anticipated. Staff was thanked for working hard to stay within set budgets. No action items on the agenda tonight.

**PLANNING REPORT:**

None.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

None.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT:**

None.

**MEMBER REPORTS:**

Councilmember Paikuli thanked Administrator Ross for preparing the requested figures on the EMS Department. Councilmember's Jorgenson and Redell will need excused from the next council meeting. Both have other obligations.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of Claims and Payroll

Claim Warrants 16236 through 16290 in the amount of \$71,636.56 and Payroll Warrants 8715 through 8745 in the amount of \$140,651.30 were approved by motion from Councilmember Maike, second by Redell. Council all voted aye.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Higgins called an executive session at 7:00 p.m. to last no longer than 30 minutes. The executive session is to *discuss the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price, negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause the likelihood of increased costs and the City's position with regard to collective bargaining issues.* There will be no action taken on this topic.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Higgins adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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Mayor Higgins

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City Clerk / Finance Director